



US government donates 8 tons of food for emergencies in hospitals and orphanages

As a humanitarian response to recent food scarcity in hospitals and orphanages of La Paz and El Alto, the US government will deliver a donation of eight tons of food through its Agency for International Development, USAID. The Ambassador of the United States to Bolivia, David Greenlee, will deliver the food in a ceremony to take place Monday, June 13 at the Children's Hospital located in Miraflores. However, the distribution of food will tentatively start this weekend. It is anticipated that this donation will meet the nutritional needs of 2,000 people during the next two weeks.

The public health institutions that will benefit from this donation are: General, Women's, Chest, Children's, and Ophthalmologic Hospitals in La Paz. In the city of El Alto the food will be delivered at Corea, Holandés, and Los Andes Hospitals. Additionally, trucks will distribute food rations to approximately ten orphanages in La Paz.

Each food ration consists of wheat and corn flour, legumes, and vegetal oil. These provisions will be delivered to 1,200 families whose relatives are patients in the aforementioned hospitals and to approximately 800 children living in state orphanages.

This food donation is the result of a reprogramming of Title II Program resources, administered by USAID.

This donation is a part of the ongoing humanitarian donation granted by the government of the United States to Bolivia through USAID. Overall, this humanitarian aid seeks to reduce poverty levels and increase human development, especially among the most poverty-stricken social groups.